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ABSTRACT

This book aims to motivate children to learn about history and social studies by beginning with what they already know--from home life, family life, ethnic/cultural life--and then building on that personal knowledge by adding information from family and community resources. The book includes activities that can help the teacher show students that history is not only about the past but also about all people and their families, communities, and living history. The activities and resources can be adapted, adjusted, updated, and personalized. Resources include annotated bibliographies of children's trade books related to family history topics and local/community history topics; a comprehensive list of contacts (by state) for additional information and assistance with conducting genealogical study. The book emphasizes diversity and the most current theories of teaching and learning. It takes a child's experiences within the home, the school, and the community and places them directly in the framework of the classroom curriculum; it is based on the idea that when teachers use strategies and plan lessons that build on prior knowledge by incorporating each child's own cultural learning and experiences, children are empowered as learners. (BT)

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